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THE VERDICT OF GENERAL WONG

A TALE TORN FROM THE ANNALS OF THE KOREAN WAR!

IT IS SAID WHEN THE DRAGON'S JAWS ARE OPEN, THE WISE MAN DOESN'T ARGUE WITH HIM!

ARGHHH!



ART BY PEDDY

LET THE LESSON SINK IN! WHEN I ORDER A UNIT OUT TO SECURE INFORMATION ABOUT ENEMY POSITIONS, I DO NOT EXPECT IT TO RETURN EMPTY-HANDED!

THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO APPROACH THE ENEMY POSITIONS! YONDER LIES AN AMERICAN OBSERVATION POST! I WANT THE POST DESTROYED AND A FEW PRISONERS BROUGHT BACK FOR QUESTIONING! IS IT UNDERSTOOD?

IT IS UNDERSTOOD, COMRADE GENERAL.



AN HOUR LATER, A RED PATROL WORKED ITS WAY UP A WILD SLOPE... ITS OBJECTIVE, A YANK OBSERVATION POST...

LT. KIM HUNG SCANNED THE ROCKY WILDERNESS ABOVE HIM AND SUDDENLY FOCUSED THE POWERFUL OPTICS ON A CAMOUFLAGED OUTPOST...



DOWN! WE ARE WITHIN TWO HUNDRED YARDS OF THE AMERICAN POSITION!



WE ARE IN LUCK! TWO ENEMY SOLDIERS HAVE LEFT THEIR POSITIONS AND ARE HEADED FOR SOME MOUNTAIN STREAM TO WASH UP AND FETCH WATER! IF WE MOVE SWIFTLY, WE CAN CUT THEM OFF!



SMITTY MUST HAVE THOSE CARDS STACKED! THIS IS THE FOURTH STRAIGHT BUCKET BRIGADE I'M PULLIN'! WE OUGHT TO TAKE TURNS!

YEAH, THE POST IS TOO FAR AWAY FROM THIS STREAM! BET THAT DECK IS STACKED AT THAT! I AIN'T PULLED HIGHER THAN A NINE RIGHT ALONG!



DROP GUNS AND PUT HANDS UP QUICKLY OR WE KILL!

WHAT THE...? WELL, WE WON'T BE PULLIN' BUCKET BRIGADE AGAIN!



LET'S MAKE A DEAL, BUD! WE'LL LOAD YOU UP WITH CHOW AND SMOKES FOR A WEEK IF YOU GO PLAY SOMEPLACE ELSE!

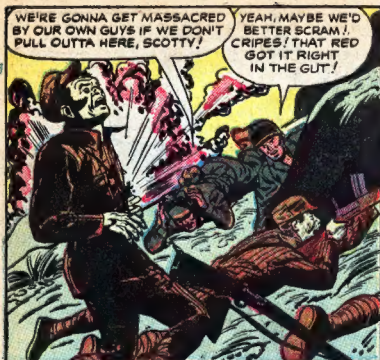
QUIET! FOLD HANDS ON HEADS AND START MARCHING! FENG! HOSAN! KEEP THE PRISONERS COVERED WHILE WE LEAD THEM DOWN!

SECONDS LATER, THE EARTH AND SKY ERUPTED WITH VIOLENT SUDDENNESS...



DOWN! IF THE AMERICAN'S TRY TO ESCAPE... KILL THEM!

KA-WUMP



WE'RE GONNA GET MASSACRED BY OUR OWN GUYS IF WE DON'T PULL OUTTA HERE, SCOTTY!

YEAH, MAYBE WE'D BETTER SCRAM! CRIPES! THAT RED GOT IT RIGHT IN THE GUT!



WELL, AIN'T WE GOIN'?

I'M GONNA SEE IF I CAN DO SOMETHING FOR THAT POOR CREEP!



UNG...
UNGHHH,
W-WATER...
WATER!

WATER WILL KILL YOU, MAC! KEEP STILL WHILE I PLUG UP THAT HOLE!



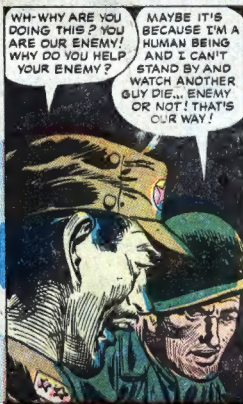
ANOTHER ONE IS HIT!

GET HIM FIXED UP, MAPES! DOUSE THE WOUND WITH SULPHA AND WRAP IT UP WITH A STERILE GAUZE PATCH!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GET BACK
OR I'LL
KILL YOU!

WHADDYA THINK I'M DOING, PLAYIN' FOOTSIE OR SOMETHING? I'M DRESSING THE GUY'S WOUNDS! G'WAN BACK AND FIGHT BEFORE WE ALL GET MASSACRED!



WH-WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? YOU ARE OUR ENEMY! WHY DO YOU HELP YOUR ENEMY?

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M A HUMAN BEING AND I CAN'T STAND BY AND WATCH ANOTHER GUY DIE... ENEMY OR NOT! THAT'S OUR WAY!



HEY, MAPES! GET OVER HERE FAST! THE LOOEY JUST GOT IT!

HOLY COW! IT'S BAD ENOUGH WE BEEN CAPTURED... NOW WE GOTTA PLAY NURSEMAID TO THESE CREEPS! OKAY, I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!



YOU ARE STILL PRISONERS!

KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT WHILE I DRESS THAT WOUND! GIVE HIM A SMOKE, MAPES!



THIS IS MY LAST BUTT! YOU GOT ANY, SCOTTY?

NO! GIVE IT TO THE LOOPY!



THE THINGS WE WERE TOLD ABOUT AMERICANS WERE NOT TRUE! I CAN SEE THAT! MY L-LIFE WOULD BE FORFEIT IF I RELEASED YOU! OTHERWISE I WOULD LET YOU RETURN TO YOUR LINES! REMEMBER, I AM YOUR FRIEND!

YEAH? THAT DOESN'T DO US MUCH GOOD THOUGH! WELL, WE'LL TAKE OUR CHANCES!

IT WAS AN ODD GROUP THAT STAGGERED BACK TO RED LINES A FEW HOURS LATER...

IT TOOK YOU MORE THAN HALF A DAY TO CAPTURE THE TWO PRISONERS! GENERAL WONG IS ANGRY! REPORT TO HIM AT ONCE!

WE WERE PINNED DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE! THREE OF US HAVE BEEN WOUNDED! WE COULD NOT RETURN SOONER, COMRADE CAPTAIN!



YOU BROUGHT TWO PRISONERS! DID YOU DESTROY THE ENEMY OBSERVATION POST AS I ORDERED?

N-NO, SIR! IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH THE POST! NONE OF US WOULD HAVE RETURNED IF WE MADE THE ATTEMPT, SIR!



CHICKEN-HEARTED SWINE! I WILL TEACH YOU TO DISOBEY ORDERS! THE AMERICANS ARE LAUNCHING AN ATTACK NOW! OTHERWISE I WOULD SLICE YOUR WORTHLESS HIDE WITH A MILLION CUTS RIGHT NOW!



I CONDEMN YOU AND YOUR PATROL TO HARD LABOR AND LATER... DEATH! GUARD! DRAG HIM AND THE OTHERS TO THE DEATH BATTALION!

LIKE ANIMALS GOING TO SLAUGHTER, THE MOTLEY GROUP OF PRISONERS WAS HERDED INTO A COMPOUND...



THIS IS WHAT YOU BROUGHT US BACK FOR, HUH? THIS IS WHAT WE BANDAGED YOU FOR AND GAVE YOU OUR LAST SMOKES FOR, HUH?

NO...NO! IT IS NOT TRUE! I WISH I WERE CUT TO RIBBONS IF I HAD KNOWN! I WISH A THOUSAND TIMES WE HAD LET YOU FREE! ARE WE NOT ALL BEING PUNISHED ALIKE BY OUR RED MASTERS?



THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

HEY, SCOTTY! YOU HEAR THOSE BIG GUNS? THAT AIN'T JUST AN ARTILLERY SKIRMISH!

NO! SOUNDS MORE LIKE A PRE-ATTACK BARRAGE! YOU NOTICE HOW JITTERY THE GUARDS ARE!



SOMETHING'S UP! LOOK AT THAT ARMORED CAR BARRELING DOWN THE ROAD!

CRIPES! HE'S SMASHING EVERYTHING IN HIS PATH!



DUCK! THEY'VE BLOWN THEIR STACKS!

HOLY SMOKES! THEY'RE CUTTING DOWN THOSE POOR CIVVIES!

WHAT'S UP?

THE GUARD JUST TOLD ME YOUR TROOPS HAVE SMASHED THROUGH OUR DEFENSES IN A DOZEN DIFFERENT PLACES! THIS AREA WILL SOON BE UNDER ATTACK!

LISTEN! YOU GOTTA HELP US NOW LIKE A WE HELPED YOU! UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING WE'LL ALL BE PULVERIZED! WE GOTTA BUST AWAY FROM HERE!

YES, FOLLOW ME! I KNOW A WAY OUT! I USED TO POST GUARDS AND I KNOW WHERE THE WEAK SPOTS ARE!



MEANWHILE, AT GENERAL WONG'S HEADQUARTERS...

OUR LINES HAVE DISINTEGRATED IN ALL SECTORS! ENEMY TROOPS ARE POURING OVER OUR POSITIONS! BOTH OUR FLANKS HAVE BEEN TURNED!

ORDER THE LESSER OFFICERS TO KEEP THE MEN FIGHTING AT ALL COSTS! THEY MUST WIN TIME FOR US TO ESCAPE THE TRAP!



WITHOUT REGARD FOR HUMAN PRINCIPLES, THE CAVALCADE ROARED THROUGH ALL OBSTACLES IN ITS MAD DASH FOR FREEDOM...



LEAVE AT ONCE! LET NOTHING STOP THIS CONVOY! WE MUST BREAK THROUGH!

WE GOT RID OF THOSE GUARDS JUST IN TIME! HERE COMES THE THRICE ACCURSED GENERAL WONG AND HIS DEATH ESCORT! THEY SHALL NOT PASS!

BY CRIPES! IF THEY DO IT, IT'LL BE OVER OUR DEAD BODIES! YOU SURE HAD THE GENERAL FIGURED RIGHT WHEN YOU SAID HE'D SCRAM WHEN THINGS GOT HOT!



SUDDENLY...



KOREANS! CHINESE! PATRIOTS! TEAR THE SWINE TO PIECES! LET NOT A SHRED REMAIN! WE ARE FREE... FREE... FREE!



HEY, BUD! LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS ARE THE MAYORS OF THIS BURG!

YOU'RE DOGGONE RIGHT, MAC! WE WERE ELECTED BY POPULAR ACCLAIM! A LANDSLIDE VOTE OF THANKS AND WELCOME... TO YOU!



THE END



FOR THE BEST IN WAR TALES. LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER!





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BATTLE BRADY

AN' YA CAN THANK ME, BATTLE,
FOR GETTIN' US ON THIS SWEET LA
GOLD-BRICKIN' DETAIL DELIVERIN'
MESSAGES IN THE REAR ZONE TO...

CRAWLIN' COYOTES!
HANG ON TO YORE UPPERS,
SARGE— THIS JEEP'S
DOIN' A WHING DING!

HEY! WHAT
THE...?



WOW-WHEE!
THAT LAND
MINE ALMOST
SEPARATED
US FROM OUR
DOG TAGS!

WHATTA YA
MEAN...LAND MINE?
THIS'S THE REAR
AREA, NOT THE
FRONT!

WHO'D BE
PLANTIN'
MINES
HERE?

AH'LL POINT
OUT THE CRITTERS
TO YUH, SARGE...

WITH MY
SIX-GUNG!

CA-RIPES... COMMIE
GUERRILLAS!



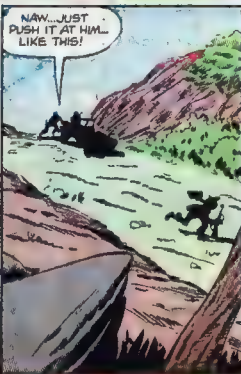
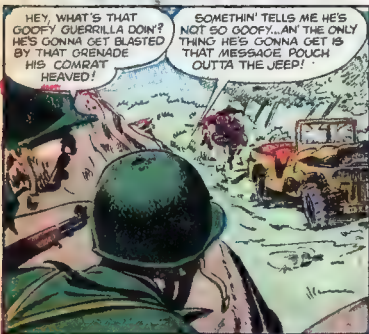
BATTLE BRADY AND SARGE SWENSKI
SPRAY THE BUSHES WITH .45 AND 30
CALIBER DISINFECTANT AND THE REDS
DROP OUT OF THE FOLIAGE... LIKE INSECTS...

BUT ONE RED WORM TURNS AND HURLS
A GRENADE...



YEAH... BUT HE MADE
THE PITCH AN' THAT BOOM-
STICK IS GONNA LAND IN
THE JEEP! LET'S LAM!

AND AS THE TWO DOGGIES DOUBLE-TIME AWAY FROM THE JEEP
THE LAST OF THE GUERRILLAS RUNS UP TO THE VEHICLE...





THIS JAYWALKER'S OKAY, SARGE... A FEW BRUISES BUT HE'LL BE ABLE TO WALK INTO TOWN TO H.Q. WITH US!

AN' HERE'S A COUPLE MORE WHO LOST THEIR GUTS FOR GUERRILLA FIGHTIN' WHEN WE SPRAYED THEIR AMBUSH WITH LEAD! SO THEY'LL WALK TOO. BUT WE'LL RIDE!

AND A HALF-HOUR LATER, BATTLE AND THE SARGE RIDE INTO TOWN IN A LUMPING JEEP DRAWN BY THREE COMMIE SKUNKS...



WHOA, YA MANGY MULES! WE'RE HERE! THIS'S H.Q. AN' YO'RE ALL INVITED INSIDE TO HAVE A CHIT-CHAT WITH COLONEL GRANNET!

THE TWO DOGGIES DELIVER THE MESSAGE ROUGH AND THE GUERRILLAS TO COLONEL GRANNET AND GIVE HIM ALL THE DETAILS OF THE AMBUSH

AW' CRIDES, SIR, YA KNOW IT AIN'T SAFE HERE SOUTH OF THE 38TH! I'LL BET THERE'S TWENTY MORE OF THESE GUERRILLA GUYS SCATTERED IN THEM HILLS! SOMETHIN' OUGHTTA BE DONE 'BOUT IT!

SOME-THING IS BEIN' DONE 'BOUT IT, SARGE!



AND THIS IS THE MAN WHO'S DOIN' IT! THIS IS NIM YONG-SANG, CHIEF OF THE KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE IN THIS AREA!

PLEASE TO MEET TWO SUCH BRAVE MEN! THESE GUERRILLAS YOU CAPTURED ARE MEMBERS OF A GANG LED BY ONE KNOWN AS THE WASP!



I DID NOT KNOW THAT THE WASP'S GANG WAS IN THIS AREA UNTIL YOU BROUGHT THESE MEN IN! AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW THERE ARE A FEW MORE THAN TWENTY GUERRILLAS IN SOUTH KOREA... TEN THOUSAND TO BE EXACT!

WHAT?



YES, AND THERE USED TO BE 40,000 BEFORE THE KOREAN VOLUNTEER POLICE WERE ORGANIZED, 13 MONTHS AGO! THE RED GUERRILLAS SABOTAGE HARVESTS, HAMPER U.N. COMMUNICATIONS LINES AND KEEP SOUTH KOREA IN TURMOIL WITH RAIDS AND AMBUSHES! I MUST GO NOW TO SEARCH FOR THE WASP, AND I WISH IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SEE HOW WE HUNT DOWN GUERRILLAS!

IT IS POSSIBLE, CHIEF...



I'LL GIVE BRADY AND SWENSKI PERMISSION TO GO ALONG WITH YOU ON THE GUERRILLA HUNT... THAT IS IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU... AND THEM!

OKAY WITH US, SIR!

HOKAY WITH ME, ALSO!



AN HOUR LATER, BATTLE, THE GARGE AND THE KOREAN POLICE CHIEF ARE SPEEDING THRU THE HILLS TOWARD A POLICE LOOKOUT POST.



IT IS NOT MUCH FARTHER, AND THEY WILL TELL US OF ANY GUERILLA ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA!

HEY, CHIEF, SLOW DOWN!

THERE'S A G-AL FLAGGIN' US DOWN!

YEAH... AN'SHES ALL EXCITED ABOUT SOMETHIN'!

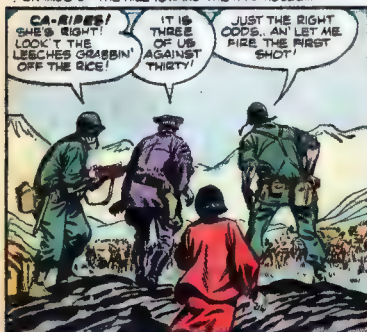


HURRY, PLEASE! THE GUERILLAS... THEY ATTACK OUR FARM! THEY ARE STEALING OUR RICE CROP!

NOW I AM THANKFUL YOU TWO AMERICANS DID COME! I WILL NEED YOUR HELP! IT MAY BE... THE WASP!



THE CHIEF AND THE TWO DOGGIES GRAB THEIR GUNS AND CHARGE UP THE HILL TOWARD THE FARMHOUSE...



CA-RI-PES! SHE'S RIGHT! LOOK'T THE LEECHES GRABBIN' OFF THE RICE!

IT IS THREE OF US AGAINST THIRTY!

JUST THE RIGHT ODDS.. AN' LET ME FIRE THE FIRST SHOT!

IF YOU DO, AMERICAN... IT WILL BE YOUR FIRST AND LAST! THROW DOWN YOUR GUNS AND RAISE YOUR HANDS!

HUH? HEY, WHAT IS THIS?

THIS IS A TRAITOR OF KOREA... A COMMUNIST GUERRILLA!



SILENCE, PIG! YOU ARE BEING SPARED FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE... TO GET US THRU YOUR POLICE LINES IF WE ARE STOPPED! YOU, THE FAT ONE AND I WILL RIDE IN YOUR JEEP! THE TALL, HANDSOME AMERICAN CAN DRIVE ONE OF THE WAGONS!

AN' IF AN REFUSE?



NOBODY REFUSES THE WASP... AND LIVES!

THE WASP! HOLY CRAWLIN' CA-REEPIN' CA-RI-PES!

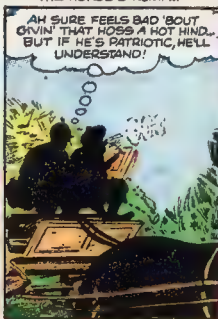
WITH A GUN AT HIS BACK, BATTLE AND THE OTHERS ARE FORCED TO DO AS THE WASP COMMANDS... AND IN A FEW MINUTES THE CONVOY HITS THE ROAD WITH THE WASP LEADING IN THE JEER.



OKAY IF I SMOKE, GUERRILLA?

AMERICAN CIGARETTES? OH, JOY! OKAY, I SMOKE, TOO!

BATTLE GIVES THE RED A CIG AND LIGHTS IT FOR HIM... THEN HE THROWS THE LIGHTED MATCH AT THE HORSE'S RUMP...



AH SURE FEELS BAD 'BOUT GIVIN' THAT HOSS A HOT HIND... BUT IF HE'S PATRIOTIC, HE'LL UNDERSTAND!



THAT SHE BLOWS!

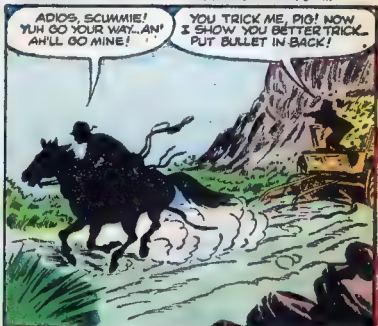
NEIGH



STOP HORSE! PULL REINS, FOOL!

AH CAN'T PULL SOMETHIN' AH AIN'T GOT, COMBAT! AH LOST THE REINS WHEN THAT BROOM-TAIL BOLTED! THEY'RE DRAGGIN'... BUT AH'LL CRAWL OUT ON THE LIMB AN' GET 'EM!

BATTLE SNAGS THE TRAILING REINS AND THEN BEFORE THE RED KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON, BATTLE UNHOOKS THE GALLOPING HORSE FROM THE SPEEDING WAGON...



ADIOS, SCUMMIE! YUH GO YOUR WAY... AN' AH'LL GO MINE!

YOU TRICK ME, PIG! NOW I SHOW YOU BETTER TRICK... PUT BULLET IN BACK!

BUT BEFORE THE RED CAN PULL THE TRIGGER, THE RUNAWAY WAGON COMES TO A CURVE IN THE MOUNTAIN ROAD... AND DOESN'T TAKE IT...



SORRY FOR THE BURN ON THE BUTT, HORSEY... BUT YUH SAVVY THAT IT'S FOR KOREA! AN' NOW THAT WE'RE PARDS, LET'S GO GET... THE WASP!

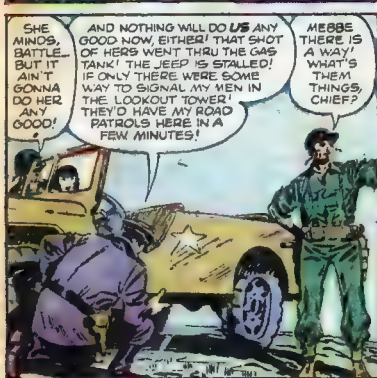
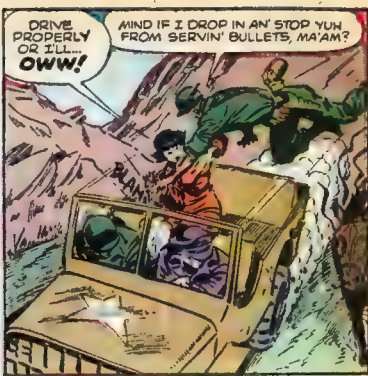
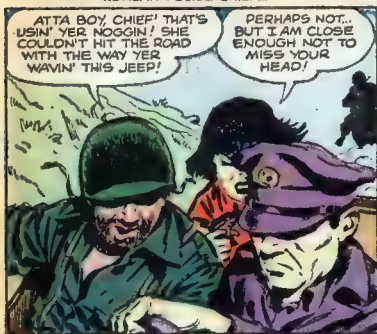


BUT WHEN THE WASP SPOTS BATTLE GALLOPING UP BEHIND THE JEER, SHE STARTS HER STINGER SINGING...



THE MISERABLE PIG! DOES HE THINK HE CAN OUTWIT ME... THE WASP?

BUT THE WASP'S BULLETS DON'T STING BATTLE...THEY ALL GO WILD...THANKS TO THE ZIG-ZAG DRIVING OF THE KOREAN POLICE CHIEF...



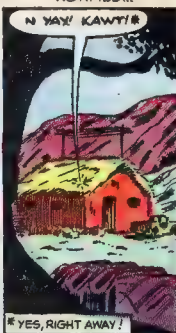
BATTLE'S ARROW HITS EXACTLY WHERE HE AIMED... AND THE WAGON LOAD OF DRY RICE STALKS EXPLODES INTO A PILLAR OF FIRE!



AND IN A LOOKOUT TOWER, ONE OF THE KOREAN VOLUNTEER POLICEMEN SPOTS THE BLAZE...



THE LOCATION IS GIVEN AND A PATROL STATION NOTIFIED...



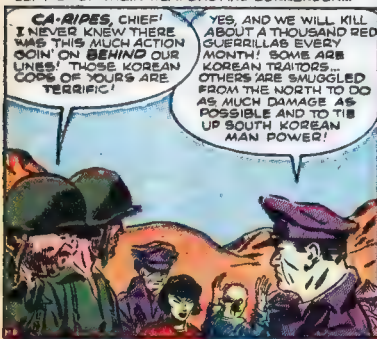
AND A FEW MINUTES LATER, JEEPS LOADED WITH KOREAN POLICE ARE SPEEDING TO THE SPOT... READY FOR ANYTHING...



WHEN THE POLICE JEEPS ROAR UP TO THE HOT SPOT, THEY FIND A DIFFERENT KIND OF FIRE THAN THEY HAD EXPECTED... GUERRILLA GUNFIRE! BUT THEY PROCEED TO PUT IT OUT...



THE GUERRILLA RANKS ARE CUT DOWN FAST BY THE ORGANIZED ATTACK... AND SOON THE FEW WHO ARE LEFT DROP THEIR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER...



FOR THE BEST IN WAR TALES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER!



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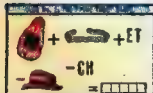
WIN REAL MONEY!

HOW TO SOLVE SAMPLE PUZZLE



How will you solve this one? **ONEA**, a **PIKE**, the **SOLE** of a shoe and several letters of the alphabet. These are two plus and two minus signs. It is necessary to add and subtract the names and letters as shown by the plus and minus signs. First, write down **ONEA**. Then, add **PIKE** to it. Next, add **SOLE**. Now, you must subtract the letters in **SOLE** and **K**. When this is done you are left with **INDIANA**. Indiana is the Hoosier State, so the result checks with Clue No. 1.

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BY common agreement among the men of the outfit, Private Henry Bourne was a convincer. If you listened to him for ten minutes he got you to see that the Moon was made of green cheese. Give him half an hour and he could outline his plan for smashing the enemy in Korea within a week. It was wonderful the way he could take simple English words and make you believe anything. Sergeant John McMillan had met all kinds of men in the army. He was the bull dog type who believed you could only win by hitting harder than the other fellow. Against his own will he joined the long list of Private Henry Bourne's admirers.

"That guy must have been a super salesman in civilian life," said the sergeant. "You can't get him to talk about what he did back in the states. Once when he had a bit too much in him he admitted to me he was an H.P.H. But I'll be blasted if I know what kind of a job comes under that heading."

On that particular chilly night the men were huddled around a fire coming from a stove that had seen long years of service and was soon going to die. But the men were occupied listening to this tall, brown-eyed fellow who had been an H.P.H. explain his latest idea on how to defeat the enemy.

"We got lots of bullets," pointed out Private Bourne, "and the enemy has lots of men. Probably in the long run we can

make more bullets than they can get more soldiers. Just give me ten minutes with any one of their commanders and I bet I can get him to surrender and bring his men over to our side."

That was too much even for Private Fred Porter to stomach. His red hair stood up on his scalp and there was defiance in his words as he glared at the speaker.

"I've listened to you until I can't take any more of it," he complained. "Maybe you have convinced yourself of all the things you say. Maybe you just like to speak. But you can't tell me you are going to speak to a Communist officer and get him to come over to our side. Especially when you can't even speak Chinese!"

Private Bourne was about to answer what looked like a personal insult when Sergeant McMillan walked in from the outside. He gave his men the once over and then came right to the point.

"I need eight men to go with me on a tough mission. You can volunteer or I'll let you draw lots. Major Allen is worried about what the Reds are doing in Mundung Valley. He thinks this famous Colonel Loo and his men are working on some kind of a scheme that means trouble. So we got to get into that valley and find out what's brewing. If we get out alive we can make a report."

This was Private Porter's chance and he knew it. He

walked over to the man he had just insulted and pointed his index finger right at this nose.

"You go and I go. I want to watch you talk the enemy into telling us just what they got in mind for us. And I'll watch you like a mother takes care of her kid. If I have to die for you then I'll do it. Either put up or shut up."

It was late the next night when the little group under the command of Sergeant McMillan lined up outside the administration building for their final orders.

"I want you men to keep one objective in mind," explained Major Allen. "It is to come back here alive with the information we need. If you meet a large enemy force you can surrender and remain alive instead of being dead heroes. At least there is a chance that as prisoners you might see something we can use."

The Major looked at the men carefully and spotted Private Henry Bourne. The officer had heard of his reputation and with a smile on his face added.

"Private Bourne if you can convince the enemy to tell us their plans you certainly are entitled to a commission. Good luck to you men."

For the next three days it was merely being cautious and looking for an enemy that never showed its head. The men were travelling through thick vegetation on a foot trail when Private Henry Bourne stopped dead in

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his tracks and spoke quickly.

"They got a Malayan pit trap set up on this road. I've seen these things built and know how they work. We'll all be dumped upon the heads of pointed sticks or knives."

Private Fred Porter had never left his charge. He turned to him, took a ten spot from his pocket, and made the offer and challenge.

"Show me this crazy thing you speak of and the dough is all yours. But if it exists in your imagination then I'll do something to you that you'll never forget."

Private Bourne looked at the ten spot and then accepted the challenge. He cut off a section of branch from a tree and the men were all watching him. He held it in front of him, poked it on the ground, and the section of road ahead collapsed. The startled men looked down upon a large pit that held sharpened stakes. Sergeant McMillan almost swallowed his Adam's Apple. He looked at Private Bourne and said just one word. "Thanks." And then to Private Porter he commanded, "Give him that dough."

The men were approaching the Mundung Valley and they wondered just where they would meet a patrol or sentries. Sergeant McMillan was worried. He knew they could be wiped out at any minute without much of a fighting chance. It was while they were eating from their emergency rations that a voice spoke.

"Invaders of our country. People who challenge us listen. This voice is coming from a loud speaker. You are completely surrounded. We have machine guns trained on you. Be not fools and die. Drop your guns and we will take you prisoners."

But Private Bourne was ready

for the emergency. At the top of his voice he shouted in a way that even surprised the hidden enemy.

"We know you have those guns trained on us. We came here waiting for you. I have a special message for Colonel Loo. Take us to him immediately. And treat us with the dignity of our rank. Or your heads will roll on the ground."

Captain Sang wasn't certain what was to be done under these circumstances. He came out into the open and looked at the men. If they did have a message for his commanding officer he must treat them with dignity. He spoke to his concealed sol-



diers in Chinese and soon the Americans had a guard of honor.

But Colonel Loo was furious when he heard what had happened. When he had learned English in the peoples' school in South China his instructor had warned him about the Americans and the way they could talk people into doing anything.

"Who dares say he has a message for me?" he demanded.

In spite of the seriousness of the situation, Private Porter moaned through his teeth, "I'd like to see Bourne talk himself out of this." But no sooner had he said that to himself when the convincer replied.

"I have a confidential message for you, Colonel Loo. Send the others out of the room. You

need not be afraid of me as you have your gun handy."

The Chinese officer was puzzled. It could be that there was a message for him. He ordered the men taken out of his room and then waited. The American sat down, took off his shoe and ripped out the inner sole. He handed a ten thousand dollar bill to the Chinese officer. Then he took off a money belt and handed him the halves of fifty more ten thousand dollar bills.

"Come on back with us tonight," said Private Bourne. "And you will receive the rest of the halves. Surely you can't make that much money as a Communist. But bring the plans of what is going on in this place with you."

Sergeant McMillan found it impossible to explain how it was they had returned with Colonel Loo. All he could say to the rest of the men in the outfit was,

"That guy Bourne is a great convincer."

But Major Allen had something to say alone to Private Bourne.

"I don't think Colonel Loo realizes you gave him Confederate money. In order to save face we will have to give him some real money from our Counter-Intelligence Fund. They were building launching platforms for special rockets in the Mundung Valley. He brought all the plans with him. Of course you will be an officer. But please tell me what H.P.H. means. You were that in civilian life. I understand."

And the answer was soon to become famous in Korea and actually become a slogan. For without blinking an eye, Private Henry Bourne—soon to be an officer replied,

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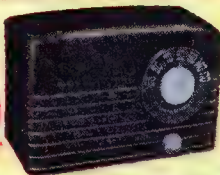
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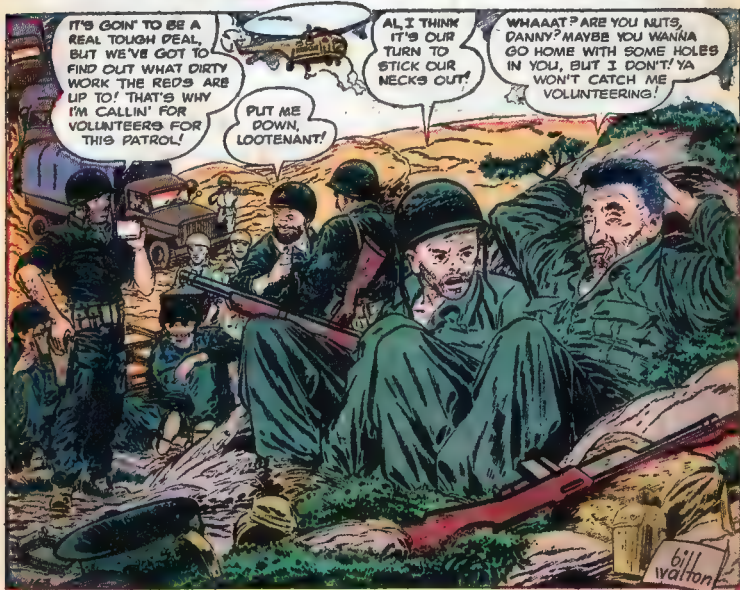
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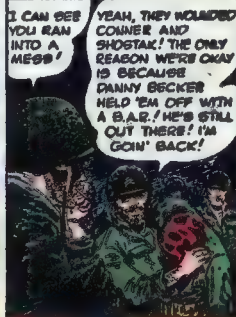


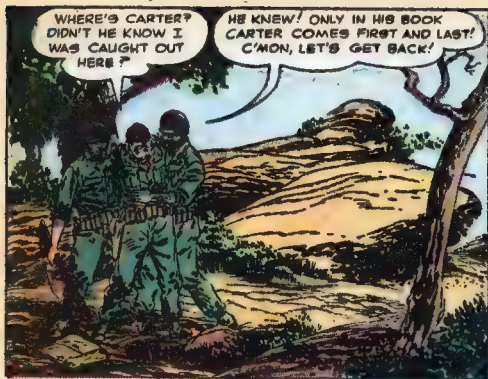


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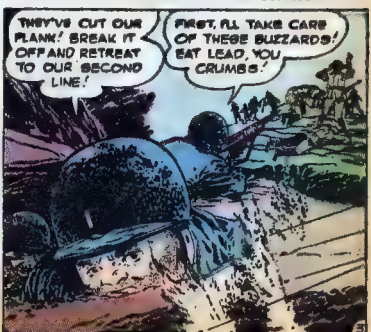




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THE RED STEAMROLLER KEPT ON COMING...



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WHFW! I JUST CLEARED OUT IN TIME! THE COMMIES REALLY MEAN BUSINESS, FELLERS!

IF YA DON'T MIND, CARTER, FIND YOURSELF ANOTHER POSITION! YOU'RE CROWDIN' US!



THE LOUSY HEROES GIVE ME A PAIN! OKAY THEN... I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED! THIS WAY I WON'T HAVE NOBODY CRYING ON MY SHOULDERS! I'M JUST RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN LIFE!



THE COMMIE ATTACK FIZZLED AND BROKE BEFORE A RELENTLESS BARRAGE OF G.I. FIREPOWER...

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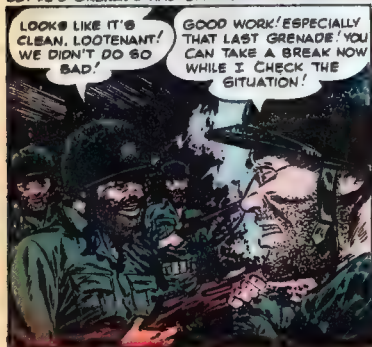
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LET'S GET INSIDE AND FLUSH 'EM OUT!



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LOOKS LIKE IT'S CLEAN, LOOTENANT! WE DIDN'T DO SO BAD!

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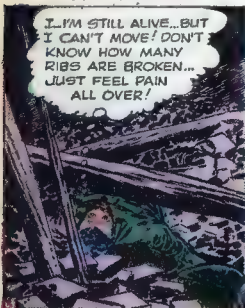
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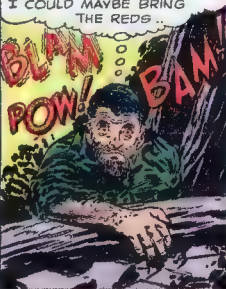
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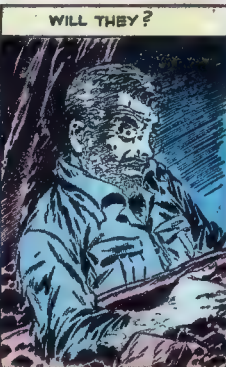
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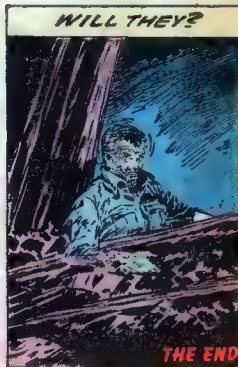
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MISSING MEN! A
VOLUNTEER SQUAD'LL
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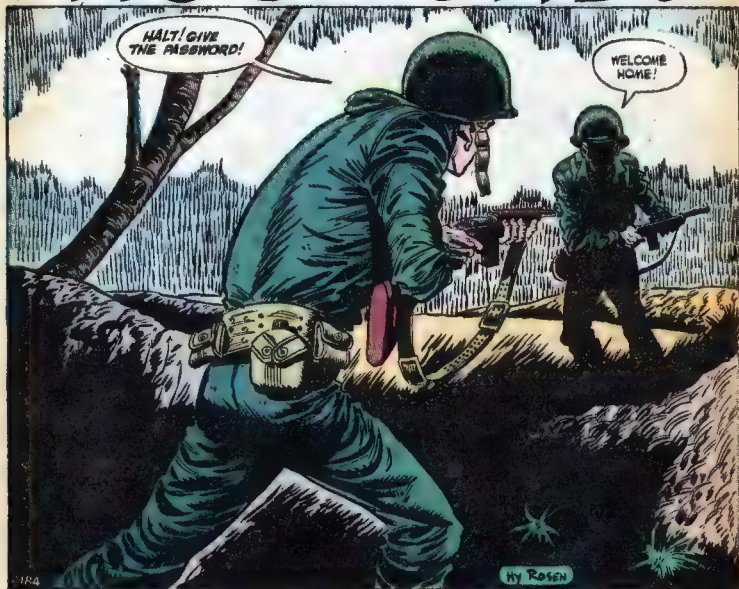
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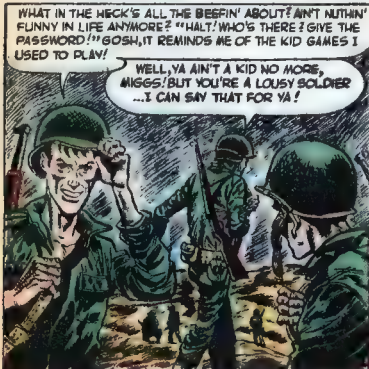
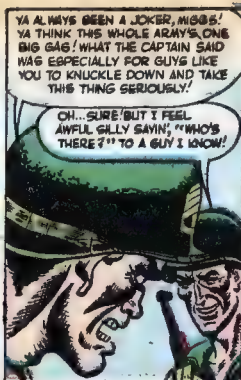
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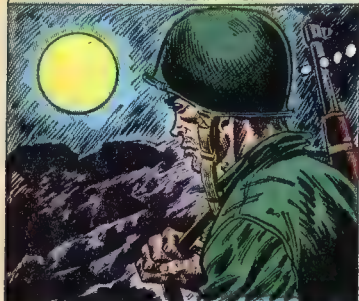


YEP... BY ALL STANDARDS, JIM MIGGS WAS A LOUSY SOLDIER... BUT HE WAS MY BUDDY THERE IN KOREA, JUST AS WE HAD BEEN ALL OUR LIVES! ME AND HIM HAD ALWAYS BEEN OPPOSITES! HE WAS A JOKER, ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A LAUGH, NEVER TAKING ANYTHING SERIOUSLY! ME... I WAS ALL BUSINESS ALL THE TIME! OPPOSITES, BUT STILL PALES!





IT WAS MY TURN AT GUARD DUTY THAT NIGHT, AND IT WAS AWFUL QUIET AFTER THE RAID! I WAS STANDING THERE... WORRYING ABOUT MIGGS... THINKING ABOUT HOW I HAD KNOWN HIM ALL MY LIFE...



BOTH OF US WERE BORN IN THE SAME COUNTY, GREW UP TOGETHER AND WHAT NOT... AND NOW HERE WE ARE, A LONG WAY FROM HOME... READY TO KILL OR BE KILLED! AND HE'S LIKE A SILLY KID BROTHER THAT I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF...

WALT: GIVE THE PASSWORD!

WELCOME HOME! IT'S ME, KID... THE BARGE! GLAD TO SEE YER ON THE BALL! THEM GOONIES ARE TRICKY... SO BE ON THE ALERT! IF ANYBODY SHOWS UP AND DON'T KNOW THE WORD... SHOOT!



THE BARGE LEFT AN' MY THOUGHTS WERE ALL MIXED UP! IT WAS THE NIGHT, I GUESS... AND THINKING OF THE REDS OUT THERE... AND MIGGS OUT WITH THEM...



THEN... I HEARD IT... A SOUND IN THE NIGHT! SOMEONE WAS OUT THERE... COMING UP TO OUR LINES...

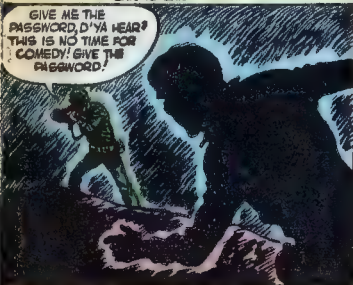
WALT: WHO'S THERE?



...THERE WAS NO ANSWER! BUT THE SOUND CAME CLOSER...



HE CAME UP EVEN CLOSER... AND I COULD SEE HIM! THERE WAS NO MISTAKING THAT STRING-BEAN, EVEN IN THE DARK! IT WAS MIGGS, ALL RIGHT... AND I COULD SEE THAT STUPID GRIN OF HIS STRETCHING FROM EAR TO EAR!



GIVE ME THE PASSWORD, D'YA HEAR? THIS IS NO TIME FOR COMEDY! GIVE THE PASSWORD!

STILL NO ANSWER! HE CAME CLOSER! BLAMED FOOL, PLAYING GAMES AT A TIME LIKE THIS! HE KNEW WHAT MY ORDERS WERE... AND HE KNEW THAT I WAS A GUY WHO FOLLOWED ORDERS... AND IF HE DON'T KNOW, I REMINDED HIM...



I'M WARNIN' YA... GIVE ME THE PASSWORD... OR I'LL SHOOT! I'M NOT KIDDIN'! THE PASSWORD, MIGGS... OR I SHOOT!

HE STILL DIDN'T ANSWER...HE CAME STILL CLOSER, GRINNING THAT STUPID, SILLY GRIN OF HIS...MAKING A GAG OUT OF WAR...RIDICULING A PASSWORD! I DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT... BUT I HAD MY ORDERS...



YES, I'LL SAY IT...I WAS BAWLING LIKE A BABY WHEN I STOPPED SHOOTING!

RUSTY! WHAT IS IT?

MIGGS...IT'S MIGGS...I SHOT HIM!



YA BETTER GET YER PEEPERS EXAMINED, KID! THIS AIN'T MIGGS...IT'S A RED!

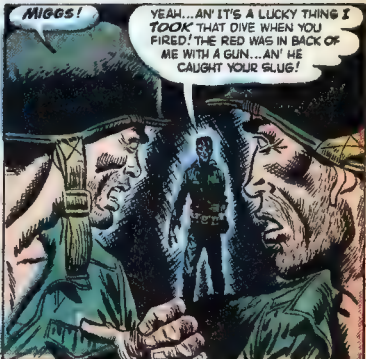
WHA...? B-BUT...MIGGS...I SAW HIM...HE WAS THERE... I SHOT HIM...

HI, RUSTY!



MIGGS!

YEAH...AN' IT'S A LUCKY THING I TOOK THAT DIVE WHEN YOU FIRED! THE RED WAS IN BACK OF ME WITH A GUN...AN' HE CAUGHT YOUR SLUG!



WE JUMPED ME WHILE I WAS OUT ON PATROL...USED ME FOR A FRONT TO RAID OUR LINES...HE FIGURED I'D GIVE THE PASSWORD!

BUT I REMEMBERED ABOUT THE ORDERS TO SHOOT IF I DIDN'T GIVE THE PASSWORD, SO I...BY THE WAY RUSTY...WHAT IS THE PASSWORD?



IT'S "WELCOME HOME", MIGGS...AND I MEAN IT!



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